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Applicant: REEVES et al. Patent Attorney Docket: GRI-101.0 Serial No.: 09/701,132 (6433/80968) November 21, 2000 Filed: Art Group: 1632 For: SEQUENCES FOR THE) DETECTION OF ESCHERICHIA COLI

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Examiner:

A three-month extension of time in response to the Official Action mailed September 23, 2005, is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:

- 1. Reply and Amendment;
- 2. RCE and Fee Sheet;

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- 3. Check No. 099028 in the amount of \$510.00 for the three-month extension of time (a response to the Office Action was due December 23, 2005); and
- 4. Check No. 099029 in the amount of \$395.00 for the RCE Fee.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary in addition to those that are enclosed. Should any fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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